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ANNUAL REPORT

OF THE

COMMISSIONERS OF EDUCATION IN IRELAND

FOR THE YEAR

1920.

TO HIS EXCELLENCY JOHN DENTON PINKSTONE, VISCOUNT FRENCH,
G.C.B., O.M., G.C.V.O., K.C.M.G.,

LORD LIEUTENANT-GENERAL AND GENERAL GOVERNOR OF IRELAND

MAY IT PLEASE YOUR EXCELLENCY,

We, the Commissioners of Education in Ireland, beg to submit the following General Report of our proceedings during the year 1920.

We regret to state that during the year we lost two of our members through death. In succession to the late Most Reverend Doctor Donnelly, Bishop of Canea, who ceased to be a Commissioner at the close of 1919, Your Excellency, in February, 1920, appointed Very Reverend Peter Byrne, LL.D., who died in the following July. His Honor Andrew Todd, K.C., late Recorder of Derry, died in June, 1920, having represented the Tyrone Protestant Board of Education, as Commissioner, from the year 1913. We deeply deplore the loss of these valued colleagues, each of whom was eminently qualified to render material assistance in the conduct of the Board's affairs. In December, 1920, Your Excellency appointed Most Reverend Doctor Byrne, Bishop of Spigaz, to the vacancy caused by the death of Very Reverend Peter Byrne, LL.D., and the Tyrone Protestant Board have elected Mr. T. W. Brown, K.C., M.P., to be their new representative.

Five Board Meetings and fourteen Standing Committee Meetings were summoned Meetings. during the year, the attendances at which are given on page 15. At the Board Meeting of January 21st, 1920, we elected Sir James H. Strange, Bart. D.L., to be our Chairman, and Very Reverend Canon MacGinley, D.D., to be our Vice-Chairman for the year.

On pp. 8-11 we give summaries of our accounts which have been certified as Accounts correct by the Auditor of the Local Government Board. See page 14.

Our total income, including the balance brought forward from the previous Income and year, was £8,524 18s. 9½d. and our expenditure £6,636 8s. 4d., leaving a balance Expenditure of £1,888 10s. 5½d. available for the current year. As compared with the previous year, income proper shows an increase of £25 6s. 2d., and expenditure an increase of £120 16s. 7d., the former being attributable to a more exhaustive collection of interest in lieu of rent, and the latter to the larger grants made for educational purposes.

The following Tables give a summary of income and expenditure :—

Income.

Account.	INCOME—1920.			Net Credit Balance, January 1, 1920.	Total.
	Rents,	Dividends	Miscellaneous		
Ulster Royal School Endowments.	£ 2,044 8 6	2,155 6 9	210 6 6	1,440 4 5½	5,853 6 2½
Ulster Royal School "Building Funds," etc.	—	126 12 0	10 19 4	78 1 2	225 12 6
Other Endowments ...	205 10 9	1,479 19 3	175 4 2	388 5 11	2,449 0 1
Total ...	2,249 19 3	3,771 18 0	396 10 0	2,106 11 6½	8,524 18 9½

Expenditure.

ACCOUNT	EXPENDITURE—1920.			Net Credit Balance, December 31, 1920.	Total.
	Rents, Rates, and other outgoings	Payment of Retired Masters' Annuities.	Distribution for Educational Purposes.		
Ulster Royal School Endowments.	£ 621 4 11	184 18 6	3,789 0 0	1,255 2 9½	5,850 6 2½
Ulster Royal School "Building Funds," etc.	—	—	146 7 2	79 5 4	225 12 6
Other Endowments	265 7 11	—	1,629 9 10	554 2 4	2,449 0 1
Total ...	886 12 10	184 18 6	5,564 17 0	1,888 10 5½	8,524 18 9½

Capital.—During the year we invested £100 in the purchase of £100 seven per cent. Debenture Stock of the Great Southern and Western Railway Company, redeemable at par in 1925. The money represented portions of unexpended income belonging to the Limerick Diocesan School Endowment (£75) and the Preston School Scholarship, Abbeyleix, (£25).

ULSTER ROYAL SCHOOL ENDOWMENTS.

General.—We believe that, on the whole, the schools sharing in these endowments continue to be efficiently conducted. The number of "selected" schools is still eleven. The returns dealing with these schools, their rolls, educational results and the condition of the premises are, speaking generally, of a satisfactory character, if we except the inability of two of the schools to secure the required number of passes at the Intermediate Examinations, 1920, and their consequent failure to qualify under the Scheme. For particulars on these points we would refer to the report (pages 12–14) of our Secretary, who as Lord Lieutenant's Inspector, visited the various schools in September–October, 1920.

Numbers.—The total number of pupils on the rolls for the year 1919–20 was 1,072, as compared with 955 in 1918–19. This is by far the highest number reached in our experience, and represents an increase of 12 per cent, on last year's total, which was itself a record. The figures speak eloquently of the continued and growing popularity of the schools. Girls still continue to participate more widely in the benefits of the endowments, their roll having increased from 167 in 1917–18 to 174 in 1918–19, and to 188 in 1919–20.

The number of pupils presented for the Intermediate Examinations in 1920 was 507, or 47·2 of the total roll, as compared with 47·8 in 1919. Making allowance for the larger number of preparatory pupils attending the schools in 1920, this percentage may be regarded as satisfactory.

Efficiency.—Tested by the results of the Intermediate Examinations, nine of the schools have done well, their percentage of passes being 58·6. But as the two schools which failed to qualify secured between them only 21 per cent. of passes, the total percentage is reduced to 55·8. This does not compare favourably with the 61·4 per cent. of the previous year, but it can at least be said to be still well in advance of the general results for the country as a whole, which in 1920 were represented by a percentage of 49·5. It may be remarked that English, in one of the schools, and Latin and Mathematics in others, were responsible for the majority of the failures.

School Premises.—Cavan Royal School has received a thorough overhauling—the necessary funds being supplied by subscriptions from residents in the county—and it may be said that the portion of the premises used for school purposes is now in a satisfactory condition. The Fermanagh Protestant Board of Education have commenced the building of a cottage sanatorium, or isolation hospital, which, when completed, will constitute a substantial contribution to the amenities of Enniskillen Royal School (Portora). Otherwise there is no material change in the condition, as detailed in previous reports, of the various school buildings under our care. In view of the greatly enhanced price of building materials we have taken steps to secure that the fire insurance policies on all the school buildings shall be substantially increased.

Qualified Schools.—We are satisfied that nine of the schools selected by the Local Boards of Education qualified under the Scheme for the year 1919-20, and we accepted as evidence of this qualification the certificate of the Lord Lieutenant's Inspector given on page 13. With regard to the two remaining schools, believing that they give promise of qualifying during the coming year, we exercised the discretion vested in us and dispensed with the condition which they failed to fulfil during the year 1919-20.

Local Boards.—In accordance with Section 48 of the Scheme we received reports from the various Local Boards of Education as to their proceedings during the year 1919-20. All the material requirements of the Scheme have been duly observed, and there was not the same amount of delay in having the accounts audited as had been the case in some previous years. There is still room for improvement, however, in this matter.

OTHER ENDOWMENTS.

Preston Endowment.—The gross income of this endowment was £1,067 17s. 6d., as compared with £888 11s. 5d. for the previous year, the main cause of the increase being a larger collection of interest in lieu of rent. After payment of the necessary outgoings the following allocations were made to the Governing Bodies of the three Schools named:—King's Hospital, Oxmantown, £165 3s. 10d.; Preston School, Navan, £499 5s. 2d.; and Preston School, Ahheyleix, £361 2s. 10d.

Preston School, Navan.—The School roll numbers 38 with an average attendance of 33 as against 42 and 39 respectively last year. The report of the Lord Lieutenant's Inspector, which is generally satisfactory, states that the school is being efficiently conducted, that the course of instruction is being carried out carefully and systematically, and that the classrooms and dormitories are clean, tidy, and in order. We note, however, that the Intermediate results (1920) are somewhat disappointing—only one pupil having passed out of ten presented for examination. The Board of Works reports that the premises, with the exception of the out offices, are in fair condition.

Preston School, Ahheyleix.—Mr. Arthur E. Layng, LL.D., the Headmaster appointed early in 1919, resigned at the close of that year to take over the Headmastership of Midleton Endowed School, and Mr. R. J. Macshane, B.A., was appointed

to Ahheyleix. The new Headmaster not being able to assume duty until April, the school naturally suffered during the interregnum, but notwithstanding that fact there were 19 pupils (all day-hoys) on the roll in June last, and of 8 presented for the Intermediate Examinations 6 passed. The Lord Lieutenant's Inspector reports that the course read by the pupils was highly satisfactory, and that the premises are in very good order. For the want of candidates this is the sixth successive year in which the University Scholarship attached to the school has not been awarded. The accumulations of income thus caused are invested periodically. During the year a sum of £25 was invested in the purchase of £25 seven per cent. Debenture Stock of the Great Southern and Western Railway Company.

Caryfort Endowment.—The Schools sharing in this endowment are Sheeana, Ballinstone, Aughrim, Ballycroen, and Mucklagh National Schools, the first two named being under Protestant, and the remaining three under Roman Catholic management. A sum of £135 was divided equally between the two denominations. The reports of the National Board Inspectors may be described as very good with regard to one of the Schools, as good with regard to three, and as fair with regard to the fifth. No change has taken place in the unsatisfactory condition of the Mucklagh premises. We understand that the Manager has abandoned the idea of building a new School in the Mucklagh district, the majority of the pupils who were in attendance having grown up, and there being no other children available to take their places.

The Leamy Endowment, Limerick.—During the year we distributed between the Leamy Local Boards of Education a sum of £205 17s. 6d. On the date of inspection the number in attendance at the High School, under Protestant management, was 13, and at the National School, under Roman Catholic management, 432. The Lord Lieutenant's Inspector made very favourable reference to the latter school, but he was not sanguine as to the prospects of the High School, having regard to the small number of pupils and the limited funds available. The Local Board have since decided to close the School and to apply the endowment (a) to providing Intermediate Scholarships, and (b) to the promotion of Primary and Technical education.

The Viscount Limerick Endowment, Dundalk.—Two Schools established their claim to share in this Endowment, namely:—St. Mary's College, Dundalk, in respect of 34 pupils, and the Educational Institution, Dundalk, in respect of 2 pupils. We divided the sum of £52 19s. 0d. between them in proportion to these numbers.

Banks Endowment, Eyrecourt.—The Trustees mentioned in the Scheme again submitted a plan for the application of the income during the year 1920, and in accordance therewith a sum of £20 6s. 4d. was devoted to the teaching of Shirt-making, Knitting, &c., and to providing prizes for attendance, diligence, and improvement in the several standards, in the School at Eyrecourt under the management of Reverend J. J. MacManaway. The report on the work done is satisfactory.

The Diocesan Schools and Banagher Royal School Endowments.—In accordance with the plan adopted some years ago we paid the following sums for the benefit of pupils attending Intermediate Schools in the districts named:—£12, Dioceses of Leighlin and Ossory; £26, Dioceses of Meath and Ardagh; £28, Dioceses of Tuam, Killala and Achonry; and £30, King's County. In King's County a sum of £40 was offered for competition, but the lesser amount named was actually awarded, owing to the lack of eligible candidates. These sums are in addition to the £88 paid earlier in the year as grants for School appliances or equipment to eight Intermediate Schools in the King's County.

Anne Hall Endowment, Lattone School.—The Lattone portion of the endowment still continues to be devoted to the reduction of the debt incurred in enlarging and repairing the School premises. The Inspector reports that "the general efficiency of the teaching is now of a fairly satisfactory character" but states that "the Technical Schoolhouse is quite unsuitable." We have informed the Manager that we shall be prepared to sanction an expenditure of £65 on the necessary improvements when the debt originally contracted has been discharged.

Limerick Diocesan School Endowment.—Again, owing to the failure of the trust, no expenditure was incurred during the year, but a sum of £75 was invested in the purchase of £75 seven per cent. Debenture Stock of the Great Southern and Western Railway Company. On December 31, 1920, the property in our possession, in addition to the School buildings, consisted of £138 5s. 2d. War Loan 5 per cent. Stock, £84 12s. 6d. War Loan 3½ per cent. Stock, £385 12s. 6d. Railway Stock, £30 Bank of Ireland Stock, and £6 8s. 6d. cash, the income for the year being £47 0s. 11d.

ESTATE MANAGEMENT.

On pp. 10-11 we give Summaries of our Rentals for the year 1918-19, together with our Agents' Accounts for the corresponding period.

Rentals.—As compared with last year, the gross rental on the present occasion shows a decrease of £53 0s. 9d., the figures being £1,811 8s. 5d. now as against £1,864 9s. 2d. in 1919. Carysfort remains unchanged. Tyrone Rental Proper is increased by £11 0s. 3d., mainly through spent bog lettings, and the Tyrone Bog Rental is decreased by £64 1s. 0d., as the result of our decision to withhold bog from strangers.

Arrears.—The general condition of the arrears compares favourably with that of last year, the total outstanding having decreased from £1,103 13s. 6d. to £1,012 19s. 9d. Carysfort shows no arrears, while the arrears on the Tyrone Rental Proper have been reduced by £72 7s. 8d., and those on the Bog Rental by £18 6s. 1d. In two cases on the Rental Proper and in three cases on the Bog Rental no rent was collected during the year. The agent having been asked for an explanation, reports that four of the tenants referred to have since paid, so that, on the whole estate comprising some 550 lettings, there is now only one defaulter. This we consider very satisfactory.

All of which we have the honour to submit to Your Excellency as our Report in the premises.

Sealed with our Common Seal at a Meeting held this 7th day of April 1921, and forwarded for submission to Your Excellency on the same date.

Signed on behalf of the Commissioners :—

JAMES C. MAGINLEY, *Chairman.*

JAMES H. STRONGE.

J. DENHAM OSBORNE.

PATRICK LAVERY.

E. D. CROWE, *Clerk.*

LOUIS C. PURSER.

} *Commissioners.*

STANISLAUS MURPHY, *Secretary.*

SEAL.

THE COMMISSIONERS OF EDUCATION IN IRELAND.

APPENDIX A.—

RECEIPTS AND

1 (a).—THE ULSTER ROYAL

DR.

CHARGE.

Name of Endowment	Credit Balances, Dec. 31, 1919.	RECEIPTS.				Debit Balances, Dec. 31, 1919	Total	
		Rents	Dividends	Miscellaneous	Total Receipts.			
Armagh Royal School	456 17 5½	231 3 0	729 10 10	12 17 4	1,008 11 2	—	1,463 5 5	
Cavan Royal School	135 12 4½	—	237 15 0	43 5 6	326 0 6	—	461 12 10	
Baphoe Royal School	125 12 0	69 0 0	147 2 0	35 16 8	221 18 8	—	376 10 8	
Rossmore Royal School	563 12 10½	39 14 0	907 9 7	87 1 6	1,094 5 1	—	1,637 17 18	
Dungannon Royal School	134 11 11	1,704 11 6	3 9 4	24 5 6	1,734 6 4	21 19 2	1,910 17 8	
TOTAL	—	1,690 4 5½	2,044 3 6	2,153 6 9	210 6 6	4,410 1 9	21 19 2	5,872 5 4½

1 (b).—THE ULSTER LOCAL

DR.

CHARGE.

Name of Local Board	Credit Balances, Dec. 31, 1919	RECEIPTS.				Debit Balances, Dec. 31, 1919	Total	
		Distributive Share of Endowment	Dividends on Building Funds, &c.	Other Receipts	Total Receipts.			
Armagh Protestant	—	410 0 0	—	—	410 0 0	115 10 0	525 10 0	
Armagh Roman Catholic	—	410 0 0	—	—	410 0 0	—	410 0 0	
Cavan Protestant	—	125 0 0	—	—	125 0 0	—	125 0 0	
Cavan Roman Catholic	46 7 9	125 0 0	91 9 10	0 10 0	216 19 10	—	263 7 7	
Donegal Protestant	—	106 10 0	—	11 8 10	117 18 10	26 1 2	163 0 0	
Donegal Roman Catholic	—	106 10 0	—	—	106 10 0	—	106 10 0	
Fermanagh Protestant	—	526 0 0	—	—	526 0 0	26 3 3	551 3 3	
Fermanagh Roman Catholic	81 13 5	526 0 0	48 2 9	10 9 4	583 11 6	—	613 4 13	
Tyrone Protestant	—	727 0 0	—	—	727 0 0	—	727 0 0	
Tyrone Roman Catholic	—	727 0 0	—	—	727 0 0	—	727 0 0	
TOTAL	—	78 1 2	3,789 0 0	156 12 0	22 8 2	3,955 0 0	165 13 5	5,191 14 5

APPENDIX A.—ACCOUNTS FOR 1920.—continued

ACCOUNTS.

EXPENDITURE, 1920.

SCHOOL ENDOWMENTS.

DISCHARGE.

CR.

Debit Balances, Dec. 31, 1920.	EXPENDITURE.					Credit Balances, Dec. 31, 1920.	TOTAL	Name of Endowments			
	On Estate Management, &c.			Amount Distributed between Local Boards.	TOTAL EXPENDI- TURE.						
	Rents, Taxes, &c.	Agency Charges, and other Payments.	Balred Masters' Annuities.								
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.			
—	72 10 4	42 12 9	86 0 0	820 0 0	1,031 3 1	422 3 4	1,453 6 9	Armagh Royal School			
—	—	5 3 2	65 12 4	320 0 0	321 16 6	129 15 4	461 12 10	Cavan Royal School			
—	26 2 3	12 3 0	—	313 0 0	346 5 3	132 5 3	378 10 8	Monaghan Royal School			
—	4 16 9	26 19 3	1 3 0	1,032 0 0	1,032 1 2	572 16 9	1,603 17 11	Donegal Royal School			
—	194 16 0	330 1 5	22 0 0	1,454 0 0	1,454 17 5	—	1,454 17 5	Dungannon Royal School			
—	202 5 4	418 19 7	184 18 6	2,780 0 0	4,396 3 5	1,277 1 11	3,672 5 45	Total.			

BOARDS OF EDUCATION.

DISCHARGE.

CR.

Debit Balances, Dec. 31, 1920.	CREDITS.				Credit Balances, December 31, 1920.	Total	Name of Local Board
	Rents, &c., due by Local Boards.	Interest of Building Funds, &c., paid.	Net Amount of Share of Endowments.	Total Credits			
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
115 10 0	281 0 0	—	179 0 0	410 0 0	—	525 10 0	Armagh Protestant
—	—	—	410 0 0	410 0 0	—	410 0 0	Armagh Roman Catholic
—	—	—	126 0 0	126 0 0	—	126 0 0	Cavan Protestant
—	—	93 3 8	126 0 0	217 3 8	66 4 11	263 7 7	Cavan Roman Catholic
3 1 2	63 0 0	—	34 18 10	117 18 10	—	148 0 0	Donegal Protestant
—	—	—	105 10 0	105 10 0	—	105 10 0	Donegal Roman Catholic
3 1 0	25 2 3	—	487 15 0	833 17 3	—	511 1 3	Fermanagh Protestant
—	—	54 4 6	526 0 0	580 4 6	33 0 5	613 4 11	Fermanagh Roman Catholic
—	—	—	727 0 0	727 0 0	—	727 0 0	Tyrone Protestant
—	—	—	727 0 0	727 0 0	—	727 0 0	Tyrone Roman Catholic
15 16 2	328 2 3	146 7 2	3,478 3 10	3,863 13 3	79 8 4	4,191 14 9	Total.

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THE COMMISSIONERS OF EDUCATION IN IRELAND.

APPENDIX A.—

RECEIPTS AND

2.—OTHER ROYAL SCHOOLS AND PRIVATE ENDOWMENTS

DR.

CHARGE.

NAME OF ENDOWMENT	CREDIT BALANCES, DEC. 31, 1919	RECEIPTS				Debit Balances, Dec. 31, 1920	Total
		RENTS	DIVIDENDS	OTHER RECEIPTS	TOTAL RECEIPTS		
Banagher Royal School	£ 10 11s	—	86 6 2	1 4 11	98 15 1	—	138 4 0
Carrick Royal School	68 12 11	136 2 9	30 17 4	13 11 11	176 12 0	—	240 4 11
Athlone Private School	2 17 7	—	5 15 2	—	5 15 2	—	8 12 9
Banks Endowment, Ballymena	10 17 3	4 12 4	19 5 10	3 11 6	35 9 8	—	36 6 11
Leamy Endowment, Limerick	140 6 3	—	162 17 0	48 6 7	331 3 7	—	371 9 10
Leamy Protestant Board of Education	16 5 1	—	18 15 4	7 17 3	36 13 7	—	42 17 8
Preston Endowment (General)	—	4 12 8	829 7 5	3 7 6	837 7 7	—	837 7 7
Preston School, Navan	72 1 8	—	133 16 0	5 14 11	139 10 11	—	211 12 40
Preston, Queen's County, Endowment	58 10 2	—	78 7 4	32 11 8	110 19 0	—	129 9 2
Preston Scholarship	43 9 3	—	22 16 8	8 0 9	30 17 5	—	73 6 8
Viscount Limerick Endowment, Dundalk	58 19 1	46 3 0	4 14 6	2 8 1	53 5 2	—	106 4 8
Meath and Ardagh Diocesan School Fund	33 4 1	—	22 4 4	9 14 5	31 16 9	—	64 2 10
Leighlin and Ossory Diocesan School Fund	12 1 7	—	9 19 10	4 7 3	14 7 1	—	26 8 8
Limerick Diocesan School Fund	34 15 7	20 0 0	21 9 0	5 11 11	47 0 11	—	81 15 6
Towin, Co., Diocesan School Fund	35 12 8	—	24 7 4	10 13 6	35 0 10	—	70 13 6
TOTALS	588 5 11	305 10 9	1,479 19 3	175 4 2	3,850 14 2	—	5,449 0 1

3.—SUMMARY RENTAL FOR YEAR TO SEPTEMBER-NOVEMBER, 1919.
RENTALS, 1919.

NAME OF ESTATE	ARREARS, 1918.	BENT, 1919.	TOTAL	COLLECTED, 1919.	ARREARS, 1920.
Tyron	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Tyron	... 1,034 1 6*	1,610 8 2	2,644 9 8	1,682 15 10	961 13 10
Tyron Bog	... 69 12 9	76 6 0	145 18 0	94 12 1	61 5 11
Carrick	... NIL	124 14 3	124 14 3	124 14 3	NIL
TOTALS	1,103 12 6	1,811 6 6	3,915 1 11	1,602 2 2	1,012 19 9

* Reduced by £115 16s. 6d. written off.

APPENDIX A.—ACCOUNTS FOR 1920—continued.

ACCOUNTS.

EXPENDITURE—(continued).

AND THE DIOCESAN SCHOOL FUNDS.

DISCHARGE,

CR.

Debit Balances, Dec. 31, 1919.	EXPENDITURE				Credit Balances, Dec. 31, 1920.	Total	Name of Endowment			
	On Estate, &c.		Educational	Total Ex- penditure.						
	Bequests, &c.	Other Ex- penditure.								
£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.				
—	1 18 4	6 3 8	120 0 0	120 2 0	18 2 0	126 4 0	Bomagh Royal School			
—	4 12 0	33 18 8	135 0 0	173 11 8	66 13 2	240 4 11	Caryfort Royal School			
—	—	—	5 15 2	5 15 2	2 17 7	8 12 9	Athlone Private School			
—	4 19 5	0 0 10	20 6 6	25 6 7	11 0 4	36 6 11	Banks Endowment, Ballycourt			
—	60 0 0	0 0 1	181 14 9	242 3 10	129 6 0	371 9 10	Loamy Endowment, Limerick			
—	—	1 10 0	24 3 9	28 15 9	17 4 11	42 17 8	Loamy Protestant Board of Education			
—	23 6 4	1 4 8	782 16 7	837 7 7	—	837 7 7	Preston Endowment (General)			
—	—	—	138 16 5	138 16 5	22 12 11	231 12 4	Preston School, Navan			
—	—	2 18 6	103 15 10	104 13 10	33 15 4	139 9 3	Preston, Queen's County, Endowment			
—	0 0 10	*25 0 0	—	25 0 10	48 5 10	73 6 8	Preston Scholarship			
—	—	0 2 1	32 19 0	53 1 1	53 3 7	106 4 8	Vicarage Limerick Endowment, Dundalk			
—	—	0 1 3	24 9 0	24 1 3	38 1 7	64 8 10	Mouth and Ardagh Diocesan School Fund			
—	—	0 0 5	12 0 0	12 0 5	14 8 3	26 8 8	Leighlin and Ossory Diocesan School Fund			
—	—	*15 0 0	—	75 0 0	6 18 6	81 18 6	Limerick Diocesan School Fund			
—	—	0 1 3	28 0 0	28 1 3	42 13 3	70 13 6	Treas., &c., Diocesan School Fund			
—	124 13 5	144 10 6	1,529 9 10	1,804 17 9	554 2 4	2,449 0 1	TOTAL			

* Investment.

4.—SUMMARY OF AGENTS' ACCOUNTS, MAY, 1919, TO MAY, 1920.

NAME OF ESTATE	Balance, 1919.	Receipts, 1919-20.	Total	Outgoings, 1919-20.	Lodged, 1919-20.	Balance, 1920.
Tyrone	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
—	100 0 0	1,777 7 11	1,877 7 11	350 12 7	1,421 8 4	100 7 0
Caryfort	N.B.	130 14 3	130 14 3	36 18 8	94 0 7	N.B.
TOTAL	100 0 0	1,908 2 2	1,908 2 2	387 6 3	1,512 8 11	100 7 0

THE COMMISSIONERS OF EDUCATION IN IRELAND.

APPENDIX B.

INSPECTION, 1919-1920.

REPORT

With regard to the INSPECTION for the YEAR 1919-1920 of the Schools selected by the Local Boards of Education to share in the

ULSTER ROYAL SCHOOL ENDOWMENTS

As Inspector appointed by His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant for the school year 1919-1920, I made my Inspection of these Schools in September-October, 1920. The number of such schools on the present occasion is eleven—the same as last year—the various girls' Schools being regarded as branches of the corresponding boys' Schools.

The subjoined Table shows the accommodation of the eleven Schools and the numbers on their Rolls respectively :—

Name of School	* No. of Pupils which the School can accommodate			No. of Pupils on Roll, 1919-20			
	Boys	Day Pupils	Total	Boarders		Day Pupils	
				Male	Female	Male	Female
1. Royal School, Armagh	100	100	200	50	—	31	—
2. St. Patrick's College, Armagh	90	10	100	89	—	—	—
3. Royal School, Cavan	40	40	80	15	—	14	11
4. St. Patrick's College, Cavan	120	50	170	124	—	26	—
5. Royal School, Raphoe	40	100	140	18	—	11	4
6. St. Eunan's Seminary, Letterkenny	80	20	100	70	—	9	—
7. Royal School, Enniskillen (Portora)	100	50	150	105	—	37	—
7. Royal School, Enniskillen (Girls)	12	70	82	—	12	—	61
8. St. Macarten's Seminary, Monaghan	100	20	120	79	—	9	—
9. St. Michael's College, Enniskillen	—	50	50	—	—	29	—
10. Royal School, Dungannon	100	120	220	75	22	54	28
11. St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon	—	120	120	—	—	26	50
Totals ...	782	770	1,552	625	34	239	154
							1,072

The success of the Schools, as measured by the results obtained in the recent Intermediate Examinations, is set forth in the following Table :—

Name of School	Number presented for Intermediate Examinations				Number who passed		Percentage of Pupils to number presented for examinations
	Male		Female		Male	Female	
	Male	Female	Male	Female	Male	Female	
1. Royal School, Armagh	—	—	—	—	42	—	20
2. St. Patrick's College, Armagh	—	—	—	—	45	—	37
3. Royal School, Cavan	—	—	—	—	15	9	3
4. St. Patrick's College, Cavan	—	—	—	—	67	—	35
5. Royal School, Raphoe	—	—	—	—	13	1	4
6. St. Eunan's Seminary, Letterkenny	—	—	—	—	58	—	33
7. Royal School, Enniskillen (Portora)	—	—	—	—	51	—	44
7. Royal School, Enniskillen (Girls)	—	—	—	—	24	—	9
8. St. Macarten's Seminary, Monaghan	—	—	—	—	50	—	32
9. St. Michael's College, Enniskillen	—	—	—	—	19	—	8
10. Royal School, Dungannon	—	—	—	—	59	18	27
11. St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon	—	—	—	—	19	26	9
General Result	—	—	—	—	429	78	262
							55.8

* Those numbers are, of course, only approximate.

SCHOOL ROLLS.—The total number of pupils on the rolls for the year just closed is 1,072 as compared with 965 for the previous year. This latter in its time constituted an easy record, and the fact that a further increase of more than 12 per cent has now to be reported, is certainly a remarkable incident, rendered all the more so in view of the increased fees which practically all the schools find it necessary to charge. All classes share in this increase, boarders and day pupils, boys and girls, and a pleasing feature to note is that parents appear to realise more fully than heretofore the importance of entering their children at a suitable age; the result being that many of the schools are now in a position to form really strong preparatory classes. Remarkable increases in individual school rolls are the following—Royal School, Dungannon, from 159 to 179, St. Patrick's College, Armagh, from 74 to 86 (all boarders) and St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon, from 66 to 86.

The number presented for the Intermediate Examinations represents 47.3 of the total roll, as compared with 47.8 in 1919. But this slight falling off is only a seeming one, there being now a larger number of pupils of preparatory age, and consequently a smaller proportion eligible for the examinations. As a matter of fact, the number presented this year was more exhaustive of those eligible than was the case in 1919—a circumstance which should be borne in mind when reading the next paragraph.

EDUCATIONAL EFFICIENCY.—Tested by the results of the Intermediate Examinations, two of the schools have done brilliantly, the majority have done well, and three have done badly. The successful candidates number 280 out of 607 presented, the percentage of passes thus being 55.8. This does not compare favourably with the 61.4 of last year, but it is to be remembered that the general results for the country as a whole are also slightly lower on the present occasion. The special results for our schools and the general results for the whole country were respectively 61.4 and 59.8 in 1919 and 55.8 and 49.5 in 1920. That our schools can still claim the advantage of a higher percentage of passes, but their superiority in this respect is represented by a percentage of 6.8 this year, as compared with one of 10.6 last year. In this connection special mention should be made of the brilliant results obtained by Enniskillen Royal School (Boys'), 85.2 per cent., and St. Patrick's College, Armagh, 82.2 per cent., and it may be said that were it not for the collapse of two of the schools, which failed to qualify, a very different tale would now be unfolded.

An analysis of the results obtained by the various schools indicates (1) that Arithmetic and Latin were responsible for many of the failures, (2) that French showed weakness in some of the schools, and (3) that English, generally, was much above the average. My own observation went to show (1) that English grammar has improved to the extent that the majority of the pupils can correct grammatical mistakes, but in many cases the reason for the correction was not forthcoming, and (2) that, speaking generally, the average intelligence of the classes does not appear to have kept pace with the growth of the rolls, there being now a larger proportion of mediocre pupils than was the case when the numbers in attendance were smaller.

BUILDINGS, EQUIPMENT, ETC.—Generally, it may be said that all the schools are, or soon will be, in a fair state of repair. Cavan Royal School, which for years past left much to be desired, is now receiving a thorough overhauling, the public spirit of the county providing the necessary funds. Large expenditure has been incurred on Enniskillen Royal School and on St. Macartan's, Monaghan.

Again I would call attention to the following points:—

1. Armagh Royal School.—The exterior of the wing facing the public road presents a very drab appearance—painting of doors and windows would be a great improvement.
2. St. Patrick's Academy, Dungannon.—The eastern lavatory (boys') should be kept in better condition.

HEALTH ETC.—Two of the schools suffered from rather lengthened visitations of Measles and Mumps, etc., but there was nothing in the nature of the Influenza epidemic of last year, and the remaining schools were able to show a practically clean bill of health. Instruction in drill was regularly given in eight of the schools as against nine last year—the other two never having made any provision for this important subject. Apart altogether from health considerations, it is submitted that a methodical course of physical exercises beneficially affects mental alertness and outlook, and it is regretted that some of the schools find it impracticable to include drill in the time-table. Discipline and ventilation are satisfactory.

FREE PLACES.—The competition for the free places offered under the scheme was not very keen, there being 68 candidates for the 34 places awarded. Two candidates scored nearly 80 per cent., but the answering of the majority was below the average of some years past.

LOCAL BOARDS.—These bodies have duly discharged the material requirements of the scheme, and in only two cases had the accounts not been settled at the date of my visit. Last year the number was four.

SCHEDULE I, QUALIFIED SCHOOLS.—I am satisfied that nine of the eleven schools selected by the Local Boards have fulfilled all the necessary conditions, and I beg to report the compliance of each of these nine schools with the requirements of the scheme in respect of the school year ended August 1, 1920. I regret to have to state that each of the remaining two schools, viz., Cavan Royal School and Rathoe Royal School, succeeded in passing only four pupils of the recent Intermediate

Examinations, while the scheme prescribes that the number of such pupils shall be five. Having gone carefully through the various classes enrolled for the current year I have formed the opinion that in each case six pupils are likely to pass at the 1921 Examinations, and in view of the fact that the Cavan School has qualified each year since 1914 and the Rathcoole School each year since 1917, I would respectfully suggest that the Commissioners should exercise the discretion vested in them under the scheme and dispense with the condition which the two schools named have failed to fulfil during the past year.

The matters which call for attention, and to which I have alluded above, will be made the subject of fuller reference in my detailed report to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant.

STANISLAUS MURPHY,
Inspector.

October 6th, 1920.

APPENDIX C.

AUDITOR'S REPORT

DUBLIN,

March, 18th 1921.

GENTLEMEN,

I have the honour to report that I have audited the Accounts of the Commissioners of Education in Ireland for the year ended 31st December, 1920, under the provisions of the Educational Endowments (Ireland) Act, 1885; and I forward herewith an Abstract of the several accounts duly certified.

The Accounts were kept and presented for audit in the usual efficient manner. -

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

A. A. FLYNN.
Auditor.

The Local Government Board,

Dublin.

APPENDIX D.

COMMISSIONERS OF EDUCATION IN IRELAND,
CONSTITUTION AND ATTENDANCES, 1920.

COMMISSIONER,	DATE OF MEETING.					
	Jan. 31.	April 14.	July 15.	Oct. 21.	Feb. 12. Special.	TOTAL.
Most Rev Dr Browne, Bishop of Cloyne ...	...	-	1	1	1	3
Very Rev Peter Byrne, LL.D. ...	...	-	1	1	-	2
Most Rev Dr. Byrne, Bishop of Spigges ...	...	-	-	-	-	0
Rev. J. W. B. Campbell, M.A. ...	...	-	-	-	1	1
W. A. Goligher, Esq., M.A., LITT.D., F.T.C.D. ...	1	-	1	-	-	2
Right Hon. James MacMahon, Under Secretary to the Lord Lieutenant. ...	...	1	-	-	1	3
Right Hon. Lord Chief Justice Molony ...	...	-	-	-	1	1
Rev. J. L. Morrow, M.A. ...	...	-	-	-	1	2
W. J. O'Reilly, Esq., D.L., R.M. ...	...	-	-	1	1	2
Rev. J. Denham Osborne, M.A., B.D. ...	...	1	1	1	1	5
Louis Claude Purser, Esq., LITT.D., F.T.C.D. ...	1	1	1	1	1	5
Right Hon. The Earl of Belmore ...	...	1	-	1	1	4
Rev. E. D. Crowe, M.A. ...	...	1	-	1	1	3
William Kennedy, Esq., M.A., F.T.C.D. ...	...	1	-	1	-	2
Patrick Laverty, Esq. ...	...	1	-	1	1	3
Very Rev. Canon MacGinley, S.J., Vice-Chairman ...	-	-	1	1	1	3
Most Rev. Dr. McKenna, Bishop of Clogher ...	1	-	-	1	-	2
Right Rev. Monsignor Quinn, P.P., V.G. ...	...	1	-	-	1	2
Doctor Alfred Smith, F.R.C.S.I. ...	...	-	-	-	-	0
Mr James H. Strange, Bart., D.L., Chairman ...	1	-	-	-	1	2
Honour Judge Andrew Todd, LL.D., K.C. ...	...	-	-	-	-	0

STANDING COMMITTEE—Meetings held, 14.

	Attendances.		Attendances.
Very Rev. Peter Byrne ...	0	Mr. O'Reilly ...	2
Rev. Mr. Campbell, ...	3	Dr. Osborne ...	10
Mr. Kennedy ...	2	Dr. Purser ...	7
Mr. MacMahon ...	2	Honour Judge Todd ...	0
Canon MacGinley ...	7	Sir James Strange ...	5
Rev. Mr. Morrow ...	8		

Note.—(a) Very Rev. Peter Byrne was appointed in February, 1920, and died in July, 1920.

(b) Most Rev. Dr. Byrne was appointed in December, 1920.

(c) His Honour Andrew Todd, K.C., died in June, 1920.

(d) No quorum at meeting of April 14.

(e) Very Rev. Peter Byrne and Rev. Mr. Campbell appointed to Standing Committee in July, 1920.

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CHIEF SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

DUBLIN CASTLE,

12th April, 1921.

SIR,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 7th instant forwarding, for presentation to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, the Report of the Commissioners of Education in Ireland (Endowed Schools) for the Year 1920.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

JAMES MACMAHON.

The Secretary,

The Commissioners of Education in Ireland,
33 St. Stephen's Green, N., Dublin.

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